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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:


WENDELL W. GUNN
Executive Secretary of the
Cabinet Council on Commerce and Trade

SUBJECT:

Recommendations of the Federal Laboratory
Review Panel

Attached is the report of the White House Science Council's Federal Laboratory Review Panel. Also attached is a paper prepared by the Office of Science and Technology Policy which summarizes the report and proposes an Administration initiative to improve laboratory performance.

The Panel was established by the White House Science Council and Dr. Keyworth asked the Panel to review the federal laboratories and to recommend actions to improve their use. The Panel has completed an extensive survey of both government-operated and contractor-operated laboratories and has observed a number of serious deficiencies. Their recommendations for improvement are contained in the report and in the OSTP summary.

The Panel was chaired by David Packard, Chairman of the Board of the Hewlett-Packard Company. At 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, prior to the meeting of the Cabinet Council on Commerce and Trade, Mr. Packard will present the recommendations of the Panel to you. This will be followed by a CCCT discussion of the report.